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\$260 million of positive local economic impact during construction . . .
**COUNTY TO SPONSOR WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY
CONTRACTOR OPPORTUNITIES ROUND TABLE**

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick County Business Development & Retention Division and Frederick County Workforce Services invite contractors, businesses and vendors to attend a free “Contractor Opportunities Round Table” at 9:00 a.m. on August 21 to learn about opportunities available during construction of the [Frederick/Carroll County Renewable Waste-to-Energy Facility](#).

The hour-long round table will take place at the Frederick County Business & Employment Center, 5340 Spectrum Drive, Suite A, Frederick, Md. Light refreshments will be served at 8:30 a.m.

Registration is required to attend the round table. To register online, visit www.tinyurl.com/WTEContractorEvent. Due to interest in the project, no more than two members from each business may attend.

President Blaine Young, Frederick Board of County Commissioners, commented, “We continue to fully support the waste-to-energy facility which will provide clean, renewable energy when combined with our waste reduction and aggressive recycling programs. Waste-to-energy is the most cost-effective, sustainable and dependable solution for the long-term solid waste management issues faced by our citizens.

“The contractor round table provides an excellent opportunity to meet with businesses to discuss the wide diversity of contractor and local business services that will be needed during the construction and operational phases of the project. We are extremely pleased that our local residents and businesses will benefit directly from the project.”

Located at Frederick County’s McKinney Industrial Park, the waste-to-energy facility will be financed and owned by the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority (NEA), which currently owns and operates

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two waste-to-energy facilities in Maryland. [Wheelabrator Technologies](#), a wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management serving towns and cities across the U.S., was selected by NEA to design, permit, construct and operate the facility. [Whiting-Turner](#) will serve as Wheelabrator's` construction manager on the project.

The project is now in the state permitting process and construction is slated to begin in 2013. The facility will bring more than [\\$260 million in new economic activity](#) to the region during the 2.5-year construction phase, including an estimated [1,600 private sector jobs](#) (600 full-time equivalent on-site construction jobs and an additional 1,000 jobs in supporting industries). The project will also bring \$12 million in annual economic activity to the region during the 20-30-year operations period, including an estimated 80 new permanent jobs (50 full-time jobs at the facility and more than 30 jobs in supporting businesses).

A wide variety of local businesses will benefit from the waste-to-energy project in such areas as construction, warehousing, building materials and supplies, education and training, telecommunications and information technology, security, janitorial, staffing, office supplies, commercial leasing/real estate, hotels, catering and dining, and advertising and marketing. The project will also engage in community-based partnerships with businesses and civic and charitable organizations.

Frederick County Workforce Services has designed a targeted webpage (www.frederickworks.com/wte) to provide information to businesses and individuals interested in being considered as project subcontractors and service providers. Frederick County plans to post opportunities as they become available. This unique service is yet another way that Workforce Services helps to link businesses in need of professional services and qualified employees with companies or individuals seeking opportunities.

The Business Development & Retention Division is assisting with outreach to the business community through their database of companies that have participated in weekly and annual [Business Appreciation](#) visits. Members of the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce and related nonprofit organizations are also invited to attend the round table and learn more of the opportunities for local companies.

The round table will be videotaped and broadcast after the meeting on FCG TV, cable channel 19, as well as webcast on www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/video.

For assistance registering for the round table, call 301-600-2255 or visit www.frederickworks.com/wte.

For more information regarding the renewable waste-to-energy facility in Frederick, visit www.nmwda.org/frederick or contact NEA Executive Director Chris Skaggs or Deputy Director Andrew Kays at 410-333-2730 or via e-mail at authority@nmwda.org.